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FLYING RACER - Hannah Burrell rounds the last barrel during barrel racing Friday morning at Beef and Barley Days in Carstairs. She won third place in the 12-17 age class.

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Teens given second chance

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
 Review staff

Volunteers at the heart of a program that gives young offenders a second chance are asking the community for help.

It's been the same four members at Didsbury's youth justice committee for several years and the group is getting tired, said Joanna Graf, secretary.

"When people heard we were at risk of closing in 2006, a few people signed up - including myself - but we haven't really had anybody since. I'm not even sure if people realize we're

still here," she said.

Didsbury's youth justice program started in 1997 and remains one of the oldest in Canada. It nearly folded in 2006 when Gord Fulton, former chair, stepped down to leave two volunteers to run the initiative - but the community stepped up to provide the manpower.

Fulton isn't surprised the town threw its support behind the group. Youth need a program that not only makes them responsible for their actions but allows them to avoid a court proceeding and formal criminal record.

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Real estate activity slows down

Foreclosures bring down house prices

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
 Review staff

House prices in Didsbury are expected to slide in the coming months as sales drop and more homes are listed in the local real estate market.

The residential resale market has been leaning in favour of buyers for the last month and buyers aren't buying, said Mel Crothers, realtor for Royal LePage.

According to Calgary Real Estate Board statistics from 2007-2009, June is traditionally a hot month for sale with about 10 to 14 properties sold. Last month only seven houses or nine per cent of the inventory was taken off the market, while listings edged up to 81.

Housing prices have also slipped. The average selling price for condominiums and single-family houses fell 23 per cent from 2009 and 30 per cent from May of this year. Carstairs fared better, seeing an increase of 12 per cent from June 2009 but a drop of six per cent from a month ago.

"Things are really slow ... pretty much dead. This month two properties were sold in Didsbury," Crothers said.

"It's like the tap has been turned off on our main buyers - first-time homeowners and seniors."

Senior unit sales have especially slowed down since April with nine units from Legacy Village in Carstairs sitting on the inventory list and seven vacancies at College Green Apartments in Didsbury. At least two local apartments have been sitting on the market for nearly a year and that has never been seen before, Crothers said.

"It's baffling because it really isn't that bad of a market for people to get into. The prices are softening so if people get a mortgage they can probably find a house here for \$10,000 to \$20,000 less than what it'd normally be," he said.

The change in supply and demand isn't unique to this area. In fact Didsbury is seeing the same trends as cities like Red Deer and Calgary, said Todd Hirsch, economist for ATB Financial.

"There was this real mad rush to buy in the first quarter before new mortgage rates and more conservative lending practices came into effect ... so you saw more sales and increased prices," he said.

"Now there's a lull in activity everywhere... and as a result we anticipate overall prices to soften as buyers continue to sit back and look at their options and inventory levels continue to remain higher than in previous years."

Hirsch expects prices will continue to slide for the rest of 2010 as does the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Qualifying rate changes that came into effect last April tightened the market for investors, which have to now put 20 per cent down for a second property instead of five per cent. The Bank of Canada has also changed interest rates from .25 per cent to .5 per cent that seems to have altered demand, said Lai Sing Louie, regional economist for the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

"Real estate is all about supply and demand so when the demand isn't there, then you just expect things will tighten up a little bit," Louie said.

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Girl paves way in boys' club

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

It took paperwork, time—even a few checkups to make sure she wasn't a part of a female liberation movement.

But eventually 10-year-old Cari Berg (nee Mullen) was given permission to join the once-exclusive boy scouts. It paved the way for other girls to join the club.

"I was a bit of a tomboy so girl guides didn't work for me. I wanted to camp, build lean-tos and hide food up in the trees so bears wouldn't get it, not bake or sew," Berg said.

Her family—second and third generation scout leaders—sent in paperwork to have Berg join the club which had been male-only for nearly 80 years. That meant garnering approval from all levels of the organization—from local and regional to provincial and national.

Brenda Turner, who was hired on especially to look after Berg and any other girl who might join, said a provincial committee member visited the town to make sure it wasn't some kind of political women's liberation movement.

"Other than that, nothing really changed about the organization when Cari joined and the boys really had no problem having her around. They had all grown up together," Turner said.

It wasn't long after that four other girls joined. Jennifer Rose became the first female Cub in 1990.

National records fall short of telling when Scouts Canada first began welcoming women into the club but it officially became co-ed in 1998.

Susie Mackie, spokesperson for the national organization, said rural communities were the first to experiment with mixing boys and girls. Sisters wanted to hang out with their brothers, she said.

"And they really seemed to enjoy the program... we saw no reason to say they couldn't join too."

The youth were 'all for' a co-ed program although adults grumbled about the transition—some of it continues to this day, she said.

About 20 per cent of the club are girls. There are three in Didsbury this year.

"As a kid you are thinking about having fun and hanging out with your friends... you don't think about what your involvement means," Cari said.

"But we are celebrating our 100-year anniversary this August and I realize what an impact my joining made on the local organization."

The Didsbury Scouts are holding their 100-year anniversary at the Didsbury Memorial Complex, August 21. Anyone interested in attending can call Linda Rose at (403) 335-4846.

Sisters win at Calgary contest

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

The Calgary Stampede has become a family tradition, so it didn't take much to convince the youngest to take up the reins.

"We pushed her to give it a try... this is something we were born to do," said Amy LeClaire, 17, the oldest.

"All of us started competing at her age."

Jocelyn, 9, became the latest LeClaire to compete in the Calgary Stampede youth heavy horse event last Monday—and like her sisters, Amy and Hannah, 14, she proved that showing is in her blood.

The youngest LeClaire won top spot in her junior decorating class and second in junior showmanship, while sister, Amy, won overall champion, first place in senior decorating and second in senior showmanship. Hannah earned first for intermediate showmanship.

"It was fun... I like winning," Jocelyn said matter-of-factly as her two sisters smiled at each other from across the table.

It seems like showing isn't the only thing the girls have in common.

The LeClaire sisters are third-generation competitors and like their grandfather and father before them, have gained a repu-



Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

The LeClaire sisters, Jocelyn, 9, Amy, 17 and Hannah, 14, share a passion for Clydesdale horses.

tation in the agriculture circuit. Amy alone has snagged several top awards, including senior showmanship in Toronto's Royal Agriculture Winter Fair in 2008 and senior showmanship and senior judge at the Olds heavy horse event this summer. Amy is also reigning as the 2010 Canadian Clydesdale Queen and will be showing horses in a week at a national fair in Milwaukee, Wis. Her sister, Hannah, will also be heading to the U.S. competition.

"When we turned up at the Calgary Stampede there was definitely some groans. I think people were hoping we wouldn't be in the competition this year," Amy said.

"We have been heading to the Stampede since we were nine years old."

And the thrill never gets old, she added.

That's why the sisters wanted to introduce Jocelyn to the sport.

"Nothing beats heading into that arena... where hundreds of people are watching. You always

have to bring your top game," Hannah said.

The Calgary Stampede is just the beginning of the girls' circuit—several summer and fall events in the U.S. and Canada are still on their list. But the showing last week was a sterling start.

"I couldn't be more proud of my girls," said Roger LeClaire, who judges heavy horse competitions internationally and trains horses in Texas.

"They learned their skills early on and have just soaked it in..."

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Council could wrap tower

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review staff

Bruce Weese has made a career of wrapping.

Since he started up his Didsbury shop, Snappy's Graphics, three years ago he's gained a reputation among Canadian race car drivers as a man who can deliver. He'll take a body in any state – decals on, decals off, painted or stripped – and transform it into a bold and colourful machine in two days.

But race cars aren't all he wraps. Weese has smoothed vinyl onto everything from motorcycles and trailers to computers and office windows. Next year he could be adding water towers to his list.

In a Committee of the Whole Meeting last May, town councillors agreed to wrap the town's water tower on the Didsbury golf course with a design that mimics the original painting by local artist, Ruth Jepson. They don't know the cost for the venture yet but say the material could allow the artwork to be preserved 'indefinitely.'

"The painting of the golfer was put up during the '98 Summer Games and has become a legacy to this town," said Luana Smith, legislative services for the Town of Didsbury.

"We'd like to keep the artwork there and by doing it this way ... it'll prevent Mrs. Jepson from having to go up on scaffolding to paint for 10 days."

Smith says Jepson is all for putting up a vinyl copy of her work. The artist came forward nearly a year ago to

talk about touching up the painting, which had begun to crack and fade.

Weese will take a photo or high-resolution scan of the original work to create a digital file and from there he'll blow it up onto pieces of vinyl. Installers will pressure wash the material onto the water tower, smoothing the edges until the picture looks airbrushed onto the cement.

And if the community doesn't like it – the film can easily be torn off, Weese added.

"This doesn't have to be permanent. If there comes a time when the town wants to put something else up, we can do that."

The project won't be without challenges. It could be tough getting a picture with a high enough resolution, especially if Jepson doesn't have an original drawing of the water tower painting.

"But we are still excited. I have never done a water tower and I doubt if anyone else in Western Canada has either. We are breaking new ground here," Weese said.

Council has put the job over to next year's budget and Smith says it will be discussed after the election in November. The wrap could be done sooner if the town wins some sponsorship.

"We haven't really put it out there yet but we are willing to put a logo on the water tower if companies help us pay to put this up ... we could do this whole thing a lot sooner," Smith said.

"I have never done a water tower and I doubt if anyone else in Western Canada has either."

BRUCE WEESE
Snappy's Graphics

Youth

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"These are good kids who make bad choices and they shouldn't be punished for the rest of their lives for it," Fulton said.

"They need to face up to their actions ... hear how the crime impacted the victim and figure out a way to make it right. This is about taking responsibility and letting them know that people in the community care and want to see them succeed."

Charmaine Williams, chair, believes the program has a 99 per cent success rate. Only one teenager has failed the program since she took over three years ago. They get about eight to 10 cases each year that vary in type from vandalism, vehicle break and enters to uttering threats.

Girls and guys between 12 and 17 years old are equal-

ly put into the program, although the committee is seeing more young girls arrested for theft.

The program is a three-month process for youth who've committed minor offences. It's geared towards helping the young offender better understand the effect their crime had on the victim and give them an opportunity to find an appropriate solution. It also gives them a chance to tell their story.

"You read a police report and it'll say the kid is being charged for theft under \$5,000 but what it doesn't tell you is that he stole a gummy bear from a convenience store," Williams said.

"Whatever the crime we try to get them on a better path and help create change in their lives."

Years later young people have trickled into their offices or run into the volunteers on the street and thanked them for helping them avoid the court system.

"It's very rewarding to see them come back and tell you their lives have changed," Fulton said.

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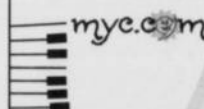
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Opinion

Editorial Honour killings have no place in Canada

DAN SINGLETON

As one of the world's most open countries when it comes to accepting immigrants, Canada has a first-class and proud record of providing new beginnings for oppressed and downtrodden peoples from far and wide.

By accepting new residents from a myriad of different countries over the past many decades, Canada has become an ever-more progressive and multi-faceted community where cultural and societal differences are welcomed and embraced.

Many, many of those same immigrants make their homes today right here in West Central Alberta, contributing a great deal to the economic, cultural and societal richness that makes the region great.

And yet while many newcomers bring worthwhile additions to Canada and Alberta, a small group of immigrants have also brought with them a barbaric practice called honour killing.

Primarily targeting women and girls, honour killings involve the murder of the victims in the mistaken notion that such killings can somehow 'cleanse' an immigrant family's name and honour following perceived slights.

Over the past several years there have been numerous honour killing cases in Canada, including in B.C., Quebec and Ontario.

And although no such killings have been reported in West Central Alberta, the real possibility remains that such despicable violence could happen here just as easily as it has elsewhere in Canada.

In a recent report entitled 'Culturally-Driven Violence Against Women: A Growing Problem in Canada's Immigrant Communities', renowned social worker Aruna Papp said honour killings represent a new type violence against women in Canada.

Rona Ambrose, the federal minister responsible for the status of women, said just last week that the Harper government now takes a zero-tolerance stance against honour killings, declaring them "barbaric cultural practices" and "heinous abuses" that have no place in Canadian communities.

Ambrose's comments came following the release of a report from the Frontier Centre for Public Policy, which outlines 14 recommendations for the federal government, including a call for mandatory orientation sessions for male sponsors and sponsored women regarding gender-equality in Canada.

Ambrose also announced that the government is considering adding "honour killing" as a separate charge to the Criminal Code.

In this case MPs of all parties should put aside their differences and act promptly to create this separate honour killing charge.

And that charge should be deemed to be on the same level as hate crimes, carrying with it extraordinary punishment provisions such as the denial of early parole.

Honour killing is nothing but domestic violence hiding behind a veil of cultural practice - it is anything but honourable, and the law should and must be made to reflect that fact without further delay.



Commentary

Alberta needs donor registry

The province has taken a significant step forward in supporting living organ donors and their families with an announcement of funding for a new pilot project last week. But if the government is truly committed to alleviating the stress on the organ donor system, it should review how Albertans make known their wishes to be donors.

The new pilot program announced last week reimburses individuals who donate a kidney or part of a liver or lung to someone in need of the organ for costs incurred as a result of the process to a maximum of \$5,500. Prior to the program's launch, living donors were responsible for the costs of travel and were not reimbursed for time off work, which can last six to eight weeks.

But as significant as the progress in using organs from living donors, the overall organ donation system is in need of work. Every year hundreds of Canadians die while on a wait list for organs. While Canadian Blood Services has been asked to create a new organ donation system to make the process more effective, Alberta could do its part by creat-

ing a registry of residents who are willing to be organ donors.

As it currently stands in Alberta, individuals sign the back of their Alberta Health Care card and are encouraged to discuss their decision with family. If a person dies, the AHC card will notify doctors of the person's intent to donate organs. If the individual is not carrying the card, the next-of-kin will be responsible for deciding whether or not to donate. It is difficult to expect someone who has just lost a loved one to quickly agree to organ donation, even if the subject had been discussed prior.

Most of us hope that in the event we die unexpectedly, our final wishes will be carried out. But ultimately our next-of-kin controls everything, including whether or not to donate organs. The province could alleviate some of the strain on families by creating a legally binding registry where Albertans can make their decision on organ donation known and health care professionals can access it, thereby obviating the need of a grieving loved-one to make the final deci-

sion.

Alberta is one of few provinces in the country that does not have any kind of donor registry. The best example of a registry comes from B.C. where anyone can register as an organ donor. In this case, the donor controls the decision, meaning that if an individual registers as a donor and later dies, health care staff can access the registry, find the donor's name and carry on with the process. They do not require the consent of next-of-kin, thereby easing the emotional impact of the event on a donor's family.

In 2009, 52 Albertans died waiting for an organ transplant while 61 withdrew from the waiting list. In total there were 291 transplants of all types. It's difficult not to wonder if those that died could have been saved if there was a more robust system for tracking willing donors in place. Organ donation is often referred to as the gift of life. It is a gift the province should do everything possible to simplify and maximize.

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Gardening season is in full swing and the cat complaints have started to roll in. The problem arises when cats are out on the prowl and use people's flower beds and vegetable gardens as a litter box. I have also had complaints of cats spraying people's property, which is never a nice smell.

If you are a cat owner please remember that it is an offence to let your cat roam off your property and there is a \$115 fine associated to that offence. Also it is a legal requirement that all cats in the Town of Didsbury to be licensed; if they are not there is a \$115 fine. Licenses allow us to get your pet back to you if they are found to be at large or trapped.

For those people that are upset about the cats in their yard, please be advised that the cat trapping program will resume on July 6, 2010. If you would like to borrow a trap please call the information and concern line at 403-335-2030 to have your name added to the list. There are a limited number of traps available and they will be issued on a first come first serve basis. There is no cost for the trap however a fully refundable \$100 deposit will be taken on each trap lent out.

If you are missing a cat please call the information and concern line at 403-335-2030 or the Town Office at 403-335-3391.

Please remember that everyone does not love your cat as much you do so please respect their wishes not to have your cat in their yard.

Derek Sutherland,
Community Peace Officer

WATER METERS

The Town of Didsbury manually reads one half of the Town water meters one month, and reads the other half of the Town water meters the next month.

As per Council resolution #193-10, effective July 1, 2010 there will be a change as to how water consumption will be estimated when an actual water meter reading is not provided or collected.

Previously, the water consumption estimate was calculated by averaging the prior six (6) months consumption. Starting with the July consumption bills, if an account has no meter reading, the estimate water used will be the previous month's consumption.

If your previous month's reading was high or low, then your estimate will be high or low. To avoid estimated meter reading and to ensure accuracy, it is recommended that you supply a meter reading to the Town office between the 21st and 27th in the month that the Town does not read your meter.

Please note: you may supply a meter reading every month if you choose.

There are a number of ways that your water meter reading can be provided to the Town of Didsbury:

- by phone 403-335-3391 /24 hours a day;
- by email at: utilitiesdept@didsbury.ca;
- through the front door mail slot;
- on the website www.didsbury.ca utility meter read link; or
- on your payment stub if you are paying between the 21st and the due date.

If you have any questions, please call the Utility Department at 403-335-7355.

Real estate

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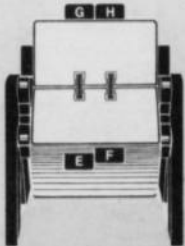
The slide in house prices could also have been influenced by foreclosures that haven't yet peaked in some areas of the province.

The CMHC only records arrears – the leading indicator of foreclosure – and says they saw it peak in December and improve as the labour market started to make a rebound. In May the unemployment rate fell from 7.5 per cent to 6.6 per cent.

But the unemployment rate doesn't seem to have an effect on Didsbury, which saw seven foreclosures in the last six months – up from the typical one or two a year. Carstairs has had about four, Crothers said.

"When banks take over they aren't usually looking at profit, just at getting the loan out ... so the prices are lower and that drives down the average home price," he said.

"I think as people start to get their jobs back we'll see things change a little around here."



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Making a difference

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review staff

The TV series Man Tracker is only a glimpse of what real life search and rescue teams can do – in fact, some rescuers argue, they can do it better.

Bill Fleming has been finding lost evidence and missing persons with Didsbury Search and Rescue for a decade – and even trained with Man Tracker star Terry Grant.

"We do pretty much the same thing you see on TV. We look for grass laid over a certain way, position of rocks and tracks ... it all tells a story," he said.

"The difference is our searches are purposeful and we'll use whatever resources we can to find what we're looking for ... things aren't always done on a horse."

And they do find what they need – 100 per cent of the time.

Fleming has been volunteering with search and rescue operations since he was 17 years old but helped start up the local group in the year, 2000. He's been helping them keep their perfect track record ever since.

One of their first jobs was searching for victims in the Pine Lake Tornado – 10 years ago this month. Twelve people died and more than 100 were injured when the tornado cut a 20-kilometre swath of destruction through the Green Acres Campground, uprooting trees and tossing trailers and cars into the nearby lake.

They've helped bolster other search and rescue efforts across the province since – from searching out those hit by a natural disaster, to missing people and police evidence.

"This is all about giving back ... we aren't doing this to get our names in the paper. Most times people don't even know we

exist," Fleming said.

There are 20 volunteers working with Didsbury Search and Rescue but the group is looking to recruit at least 20 more to keep the effort going.

Ken Thompson, a retired Calgary firefighter, said volunteering can be rewarding and heartbreaking – though the tough jobs seem to be few and far between.

"The hardest part for our volunteers is being a part of a search team that isn't able to find someone ... you never want to fail," he said.

Although the team has a perfect record for its search area, there have been searches in other districts that haven't gone as well.

Thompson remembers being called to help find a man with dementia who had driven towards the Rockies.

"The guy had driven the same square on his farm for years but missed his turn and kept going straight until he ran out of fuel. Then he got out and walked."

The search effort pulled out all the stops – dogs went in first, followed by searchers who cased the area by grid. They never were able to find the man. His body was discovered almost a year later by a hiker from Byemore, Alta.

"It was tough ... but when things like this happen we have great support systems. We really focus on the health and welfare of our searchers."

Searchers are trained by the province, but have to purchase about \$1,000 of their own equipment, ranging from camping gear to GPS units and water purifiers.

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"We've had a man legally blind and another guy was 72 years old. It doesn't matter ... there is a job for everyone," Fleming said.

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— Correen, Bow Island, AB
West Nile virus survivor

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3. Best local politician?	23. Best local artist?	43. Best place for lunch?	63. Best place for Ag Equipment?
4. Best new trend?	24. Best bartender/server & location?	44. Best ice cream?	64. Best place for financial advice?
5. Worst new trend?	25. Best bar to spend a day in?	45. Best dessert?	65. Best place to view/buy art?
6. Best kept local secret?	26. Best bar for dancing?	46. Best cup of coffee?	66. Best place for outdoor rec toys?
7. Best intersection to avoid?	27. Best place to watch sports?	47. Best wine selection?	67. Best gas station?
8. Best place to tan?	28. Best live music venue?	48. Best beer selection?	68. Best hardware/lumber store?
9. Best place to go camping?	29. Best romantic restaurant?	49. Best place to pamper your pet?	69. Best place for auto repairs?
10. Coolest place to take visitors?	30. Best place to people watch?	50. Best place to find cool junk?	70. Best place to pimp your ride?
11. Best place for ATV/snowmobiling?	31. Best customer service (1-5*)?	51. Best day spa/massage therapy?	71. Best convenience store?
12. Best place to go fishing?	32. Best customer service (6-25*)?	52. Best esthetics/skin care?	72. Best nursery/greenhouse?
13. Best place for horseback riding?	33. Best customer service (26-100*)?	53. Best health and wellness advice?	73. Best used/consignment store?
14. Best place for a picnic?	34. Best wings? <small>* employees</small>	54. Best place to work out?	74. Best place to buy produce?
15. Best place for first kiss?	35. Best burger?	55. Best barber shop/salon?	75. Best place to buy beef?
16. Best historical building?	36. Best breakfast?	56. Best Farmers' Market?	76. Best bakery?
17. Best museum?	37. Best takeout?	57. Best gift/jewelry shop?	77. Best realtor?
18. Best local cause?	38. Best fries?	58. Best men's clothing store?	78. Best golf course?
19. Best local festival/rodeo/parade?	39. Best steak?	59. Best women's clothing store?	79. Best local sports team?
20. Best place for a pub night?	40. Best Chinese?	60. Best dressed store window?	80. Best local athlete?

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Police briefs

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

Copper stolen

Residents and business owners are being told to keep a close eye on their copper after \$44,000 worth of wire was stolen from a building east of Carstairs.

A thief broke into a building overnight, July 12 and stole a gas can, chainsaw, computer and generator among spools of copper wire. Police have no witnesses and are asking for tips of anyone who saw someone transporting large spools of copper wire.

They are also telling people to secure their copper and copper plated items.

"You wouldn't leave your gold bars around. It's the same thing with copper,

especially as the price of it keeps going up," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

Jacobson said copper is usually a targeted theft and stolen about once every three or four months. People storing large quantities should put it in a place not easily broken into and put some kind of identifier on it, in case police find it, he added.

Week of thefts

It was a week of thefts, with a construction trailer near Didsbury ransacked and tools stolen from a Carstairs compressor station.

On July 11 a compressor station east of Carstairs was broken into and a variety of hand tools were taken. There are no witnesses or sus-

pects.

Two days later a construction trailer was ransacked before the thief made off with clothing and a chainsaw.

According to police 'things were knocked over' and rummaged through, July 13. They are currently following up on a lead about a suspicious vehicle in the area earlier that day.

Window broken

A parked truck had its window cracked by an airsoft gun, last week.

On July 7 someone shot a green plastic ball with an airsoft gun into the window of a truck parked along the 2100 block of 14th street in Didsbury. It was the only damage done to the vehicle. Nothing was stolen.

Survey to be showcased

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Review Staff

Heritage buildings eligible for government funding could be revealed at an open house this fall.

Surveyors with Heritage Collaborative Inc have been logging Didsbury's historic sites for the last month as part of a \$40,000 project and are set to unveil their findings September 14.

"We're going to publish the list, talk to people about what it means ... and maybe get some history behind some of the places we've seen," said Bob Buckle, owner of Heritage Collaborative.

The findings are the first step in this town belonging to Alberta's elite Main Street club, which allows owners of buildings 50 years or older, up to \$50,000 twice a year for renovations.

Didsbury previously belonged to the Main Street program - a cost-share initiative with Alberta Historical Resources Foundation that gave property owners dollars to fix up storefronts. The town took part for five years and received nearly \$400,000 for rehabilitation projects, while business owners contributed over half a million.

But when the program wrapped up in the year 2000 there was nothing in place to protect preservation efforts.

As a result, the government has revamped the program and toughened up the criteria for the club, so heritage areas are legally protected. Under the new initiative towns spend approximately \$40,000 on a survey and inventory to put the significance of each building on record.

"It's a great program," Buckle said.

"I think Alberta was pretty busy developing during the first 100 years and people didn't think too much about conserving components of their town - but they are now and this helps them do it."

The open house this fall will give people a glimpse of buildings that could be considered heritage sites and what that could mean - although the final decisions won't be made for another year. An inventory has to be done before sites can be formally declared historically significant.

"At that stage people can tell us whether they want their building involved in the process ... none of this is mandatory. We aren't going to force people to take part," said CynDee Walden, the town's project planner.

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GRAY, David Trennick Elliott September 11, 1964 - July 8, 2010



Dave was born in Esterhazy, SK but spent his younger years between Esterhazy and Thompson, MB. After relocating several times, Dave moved to Cochrane, AB where he finished his schooling. In 1984, Dave moved to Calgary where he met the love of his life, Donna. "Lover" and "Lover", as they referred to each other, married on July 21, 1990 and became the proud parents of their first daughter Kelsey in 1998 followed by a second daughter, Nicole in 2000. Dave passed away suddenly at his peaceful place in "The Valley". Dave truly enjoyed the simple things in life: family, friends, and of course, fishing. Dave's twenty-five year career in the oil industry was also a great source of pride to him. After working at several drilling companies, Dave spent the last eight years of his career at Black Watch Energy where he worked as a Rig Manager. Dave was fortunate to have so many coworkers that he thought of as his "rig family". Besides his wife and daughters, Dave is survived by his mother, Alice Gray of Didsbury; father, Donald Gray of Esterhazy, SK; brothers John, Jim, Bob (Lorraine); Doug (Christina); Joe (Lorraine) and sisters Jane Ervin (Dwayne) and Susan Paton (Iain); parents-in-law, Henry and Yvonne Veldhuis of Cochrane; brother-in-law Brian (Sue); and sisters-in-law Linda (Phil), Jane and Brenda; and numerous nieces and nephews. Dave will also be missed by his canine companion, Buddy.

The funeral was on Friday, July 16 at the Mountain View Funeral home in Calgary. Rev. Nancy Nourse presided over the service. Douglas Gray, David's brother did the eulogy and David's boss Jeff Bjorgan of Black Watch Energy said some very kind words about David. The service was beautiful. Many family and friends were present.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, (www.heartandstroke.ca)

EPP, Gerhard David

Gerhard David Epp was born July 20th, 1923 to David and Katherine Epp in a Mennonite village in the Ukraine. By 1924 the violence and chaos of the Russian Revolution made life impossible so the extended Epp family joined others in seeking a more peaceful life in Canada.

During their first winter they lived with and worked for a family in Kitchener and it was there that sister Irene was born. In spring they headed west to farm the wheatfields of Saskatchewan for five years. Here sister Louise and brother Theodore were born. In 1930 they continued the westward trek, settling in Eastern Alberta where they farmed until 1947. Here Theodore died and Paul was born. Gerhard's fondly remembered formative years were lived on the prairies during the depression and there in Naco he also completed his formal education to Grade 11. In 1947 the family once again moved west to settle on the mixed farm east of Carstairs.

In 1952 Gerhard married Mary Rempel. They had three children and farmed together for the next fifty years. They have been active members of Berghal Mennonite Church since before their marriage. Their church community and the foundation upon which it is built has always been central to their lives. In 2001 Gerhard and Mary moved to Didsbury. He always enjoyed helping his son on the farm, never missing a harvest until his last year.

He loved horses and in his "retirement" spent long hours creating detailed models of teams and wagons. He truly appreciated history and relished the opportunity to read many informative books, thus continuing his education until the last.

On July 9th, 2010 his work on this earth was completed and he went to be with his God in Heaven. Predeceased by his parents, brother Theodore and sister Louise he is survived by his wife Mary, daughters Eleanor (Dennis Repel) and Carolyn and son Victor (Kathy), grandchildren Thorin and Conrad Brown and Mikaela and Kaelan Epp, sister Irene (John Klassen) and brother Paul (Betsy). Gerhard is lovingly remembered by family and friends as a quiet man who lived simply and faithfully, a man of integrity and wisdom and a man of God. We are all blessed and honored to have known him.

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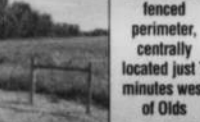





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